

AUSTRIANS DRIVE RUSSIANS

BEAR ATTACKS ARE REPULSED

On the Italian Front in the Isonzo District Artillery Engagements Continue.

LARGE FIRES ARE SEEN

German Prize Crew Which Captured a British Steamer Sends Same to Bottom.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—The repulse of Russian attacks against the Austrian advanced positions northwest of Tarnopol, Galicia, is announced in the Austrian official statement of February 23, received here today from Vienna.

On the Italian front in the Isonzo district artillery engagements are continuing. Large fires were observed behind the Italian lines.

In Albania, the war office announced, the Austrians drove their adversaries from a position southeast of Durazzo.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY THE PRIZE CREW

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The British steamer Westburn, which reports received last night from Santa Cruz, Teneriffe, Canary Islands, said had reached that port in charge of a German prize crew and carrying 206 prisoners taken from various vessels captured by a German sea raider believed to be the Mowee, has been sunk outside Santa Cruz harbor by its captors.

This is the news received today in a message from Santa Cruz. After landing their prisoners in Santa Cruz, the German crew put to sea again in the Westburn and sank their prize, the message stated.

CHARTERS

Are Issued Two New Local Concerns by the Secretary of State.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 24.—The Hart Produce and Candy Company, of Clarksburg, has been issued a charter by the secretary of state. It proposes to conduct a wholesale business in groceries and confectionery. The authorized capital is \$50,000. The incorporators are John P. Hart, Ralph J. P. Hart, of Fairmont, and J. F. Hart, C. H. Colgate and W. H. Laven, all of Clarksburg.

The Pool-Townsend Coal Company of Clarksburg, has obtained a charter. It will operate in Eagle district, Harrison county. The authorized capital stock is \$75,000. The incorporators are M. J. L. Townsend, of Plainfield, N. J.; J. L. Andrews, of Lima, O.; C. H. Howell, D. T. Quinn and C. E. Pool, all of Clarksburg.

CABLE LETTER

Service Reinstated by Western Union with Trans-Atlantic Facilities Improved.

The Western Union Telegraph Company announces that improvements in its trans-Atlantic cable facilities enables it to reinstate its cable letter service which has been suspended since January 3. The Western Union Company some time ago re-established its deferred half rate and week end letter cable services and resumption of its cable letter service restores its full line of supplementary services in addition to its regular fact cable service. This restoration of the cable situation to its normal basis is of the greatest importance to American foreign trade.

RETURNS HOME.

Mabel Barnes, the young woman who disappeared from her home at Northview late Tuesday night under mysterious circumstances, returned to her home Wednesday afternoon. The police were informed of the young woman's return by her father, M. L. Barnes. Mr. Barnes made no statement as to the reason for his daughter's leaving home.

LAST MESSAGES ARE ENCLOSED IN A BOTTLE

By the Commander of Zeppelin Wrecked in North Sea and Bottle is Picked Up.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A bottle has been picked up from the sea containing last messages from the commander of Zeppelin L-19, which was wrecked in the North sea, and addressed to the commander's parents, wife and little son. The last of the message stated that the airship had dropped and the crew was drowning, says a Reuter despatch from Copenhagen.

The yacht Stella picked up the bottle containing the messages from Commander Uhlir near Gothenburg. Four letters were found, two addressed to his parents, and one each to his wife and child. The letters were

SERVICE NOW EXTENDED BY THE COMPANY

Usefulness of Telegraphic Money Transfer Service Increased by Regulations.

During the last few years the Western Union Telegraph Company has been in the van of public service corporations in putting out new social demands. The company now announces another innovation for the benefit of its patrons.

The Western Union company annually transfers by telegraph an enormous amount of money and heretofore the senders of money have not been permitted to include in the transfers any communication of a business or personal character to the payee, such information being required to be sent by separate message. Under the new arrangements, however, transfers between points in the United States may include such information and the same will be delivered to the payee at the time the transfer is paid. This surely represents an up-to-date service and one that should appeal to and be of much value to business houses and the public generally. Through it, people will be enabled to transmit money quickly with proper instructions to meet banking obligations, pay insurance policies, guarantee purchases, accompany bids, purchase railroad, steamship and theater tickets, pay taxes, assessments and bills of all descriptions, make remittances to traveling salesmen and pupils attending distant schools, etc. There is practically no limit to the purposes for which this service is available.

The telegraph company is to be commended upon the matter in which it is broadening the scope and purposes of its various services in order to meet better the needs of the public.

TO GRAND JURY

"Bevo Joe" is Held by Magistrate for Failing to Label Liquor.

Joseph Bunco, of Kelley Hill, known to local officers as "Bevo Joe," has been held to the grand jury and released under bail of \$1,000 on a charge of violating the Yost prohibition law.

The action was taken late Wednesday in Magistrate William E. Starcher's court by Magistrate C. W. Watkins, of Shinnston, sitting for the former, who is ill. It appeared that Joseph had neglected to paste a label on one of two satchels and on a parcel he brought into the city on a passenger train. Contained in the parcel and satchels was a varied assortment of wine, whiskey, beer, rum and alcohol.

SNOW STORM

Which is the Severest in Years is Now Gripping the British Isles.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The British Isles today are in the grip of the severest snow storm of years. Reports from the continent show that severe weather prevails throughout Europe. The snowfall in England began yesterday and this morning the snow varied from one to several inches in depth. Scotland has suffered more than England. Telephone wires have been broken down generally.

MISS HANKO LIKES GIRLS

Domestic Science Students and Teachers Invited to Attend Classes in Masonic Auditorium.

Telegram's Second Annual Better Foods-Better Homes School Opens Monday, February 28.



In domestic science training is genuine and sincere, and her belief that this teaching is of value to actual housewives is demonstrated by her giving up her own home life, and going from place to place, devoting her entire time to presenting the principles of this study to women actually engaged in homemaking and housekeeping. She advocates the training of girls in the domestic arts and tells of many instances where she has interested young girls in this work and probably changed the whole course of their lives. In many cities Miss Hanko's interest in girls, and especially in young business women, has been so evident that she has been invited to speak in factories, and she always finds them interested in homemaking and housekeeping. "Naturally most of them expect to have homes of their own," says Miss Hanko, "and how fine it is for them to want to know how to run these homes efficiently."

In one city where Miss Hanko lectured during the first season in the Better Foods-Better Homes work, there was a large silk mill. One of the workers in this mill temporarily out of employment, attended Miss Hanko's course of lectures, and became much interested in the work. Her views in regard to housework were changed entirely and by the end of the week she decided to give up her work in the silk mill and try for a position in a home. She secured one at \$5.00 per week, and as this included her board and lodging, it was clear gain and therefore more than she could earn at the silk mill. When Miss Hanko made her second visit to that city, this young woman again attended her lectures and told of her change of heart and her change of work. She now believes that housework is a dignified profession and one of the best a woman can engage in and she has held her first position most creditably and happily. Miss Hanko finds that many business girls do their own housekeeping after attending her lectures and that they like it better than boarding and have

FINE SHOWING

Made by Company K of the National Guard at Its Annual Inspection.

The annual inspection of Company K, First regiment, West Virginia national guard, was held Wednesday night in the armory. Major William Wallace, of the United States army, and Major John Charnock, of the state militia department, were the two officers making the inspection. They expressed themselves as highly gratified at the showing made by the local company in comparison with the other militia companies of the state.

The local company has in its personnel a large number of former regular army men, and men who have in the organization for two or more enlistments.

The First regiment officers present at the inspection Wednesday night were Lieutenant R. Lynn Osborn, Major Cuthbert A. Osborn and Lieutenant Claude W. Gore.

NEW DAIRY PLANT

Is Being Planned for the Sturm Dairy Company by Pittsburg Architects.

P. C. Sturm, general manager of the Sturm Dairy Company, and W. S. Siers, arrived home from Pittsburg Thursday morning, where they spent several days conferring with a representative of the C. D. Cooley Company, architects and engineers, who make a specialty of building modern and up-to-date plants.

Messrs Sturm and Siers were looking over plans and specifications of a plant which the Sturm Dairy Company and Mr. Siers are going to build in the near future. Mr. Siers owns the building on Murdock Alley, where the Sturm dairy is now located and is going to build the new building for the dairy company.

Mr. Sturm, as general manager of the dairy company was inspecting modern equipment which will be built in the new building.

A representative of the Cooley Company will arrive here next week to complete the plans and the work of raising the old building will be started as soon as the plans for the new one are completed.

BURGLARS

Overlook \$40 in Cash in Caparotta Store at Corner of Mechanic and Water.

Burglars who forced an entrance into the general store of Frank Caparotta, corner of Water and Mechanic streets, Wednesday night, apparently were in a hurry to do their work and overlooked \$40 in cash, which was in the cash register. Their loot consisted of only \$8 or \$9 in cash and a few cigars.

Sheriff Ross F. Stout's bloodhounds were taken to the scene of the robbery Thursday morning. The dogs followed the scent to Ben street, where they lost it.

The burglars gained entrance to the store by forcing the rear store door. They secured the cash from a money drawer. The cash register apparently had not been touched. It was thought that the burglars were scared away from the store by pedestrians passing the street outside.

Both city and county authorities are working on the case, but no clues have yet been found.

HUNDREDS HOMELESS

And Almost Destitute as Result of a Fire Which Sweeps Tenement District.

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 24.—Two hundred and forty persons are homeless and almost destitute here today as the result of a fire which swept through the tenement district last night and early today. According to the police, the fire started through a quarrel between two men chopping wood in a cellar under a paintstore by candle light. In the quarrel, the candle was upset, a mass of rubbish caught fire and in a few minutes the flames had seized upon the highly inflammable material in the store and were beyond control. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

POHL DIES.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Admiral von Pohl, whose retirement on account of ill health from the position of commander of the German battle fleet was announced two days ago, has died in Berlin.

FOX RELEASED

From Jail in the City of Pittsburg on a Bond of \$1,000 in Brewery Probe.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 24.—Hugh S. Fox, of New York, secretary of the United States Brewers Association who was sent to jail last night because he refused to answer questions put to him by the federal grand jury investigating the alleged political activities of brewery interests, was released this morning on \$1,000 bail. Earlier in the day, Fox's attorneys went before the court and applied for a writ of habeas corpus. Pending the argument, Fox was given his freedom.

PLACE

Is Selected for Joe Jimmy, Who Didn't Know Where He Was Going.

A destination has been selected for the foreigner who was treated a recent night at the local railroad station for importing whiskey unlawfully and who put up the alias of Joe Jimmy.

When taken into custody Joe said he didn't know where he was going but was on his way. In view of that circumstance, Magistrate C. L. Watkins, of Shinnston, sitting for Magistrate William E. Starcher, who is ill, late Wednesday decided that the county jail would be as good a place as any for Jimmy during the next sixty days, and perhaps longer in the event a fine of \$100 and costs is not settled. A means of diversion has been provided for Joe in the privilege of working on the county roads at such times during that period as the weather will permit.

Joe ran into the meshes of the Yost prohibition law by neglecting to paste labels on the outside of a satchel in which he was lugging something like twenty-six pints of whiskey. This liquor has been confiscated by the county.

RESUME CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Organized miners and operators from the western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois soft coal fields, who have been trying to negotiate a new wage scale to go into effect April 1, resumed their joint conference here today after a recess of one week.

WILSON FORCES GAGGING SOLONS

Are Very Apprehensive That Smouldering Sentiment May Suddenly Blaze Up.

WILSON IS STANDPATTER

Administration Officials Outside of Congress Proffess to Be Undisturbed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Congress assembled today with the agitation for action warning Americans off of belligerent ships overshadowing all other questions. President Wilson's supporters, apprehensive that the smouldering sentiment might suddenly blaze up to embarrass the diplomatic negotiations with Germany, were working to hold the administration forces in line and keep the question from the floor of both House and Senate.

The legislative situation in both houses favored the administration forces.

Word went to the capital again early today that President Wilson's opposition to any action by Congress was unshaken, and that Chairman Stone and Flood, of the committees dealing with foreign affairs, could explain his position fully. Administration officials outside of Congress professed to be undisturbed by the agitation at the capitol and expressed confidence that the president's position would be supported.

It was apparent that much of the chaffing in Congress was due to a lack of information of the president's attitude.

One possibility which stood out among all the others was that the whole situation might be reduced to a proposal that Congress express the sentiment that Americans should not bring their country into danger of war by travelling on ships which Germany has announced it will sink without warning.

The extent to which the political element enters into the present situation has not been disclosed. Administration supporters, however, recall that former Secretary of State Bryan broke with the president and left the cabinet over the question of warning Americans off belligerent ships. Among those who now are supporting the agitation to put Mr. Bryan's proposal into legislative action are some senators and representatives who have been numbered among Mr. Bryan's admirers, but it is true that some of them also are classed as supporters of the president.

Under these circumstances administration supporters do not see how a breach can be immediately imminent. While the new submarine campaign goes into effect on March 1, there are indications from German quarters that the attitude of the United States is fully understood and that the consequences of destruction of more American lives is fully realized.

In that connection the internal situation in Germany comes in for consideration. Private advices from Germany tell how the civilian element at court headed by the chancellor, which had contended for preserving friendly relations with the United States has been overshadowed by a newly political force headed by General von Falkenhayn, chief of staff of the new army, who is said to have gathered the elements which were led by Grand Admiral von Tirpitz before the civilian element became ascendant some six months ago.

The private advices tell how Emperor William is almost constantly associated by his many visits to the various fronts with the military element almost to the exclusion of the civilian element and that von Falkenhayn in a position where he has the fullest confidence of the emperor is said to be a believer in the relentless use of every available military and naval weapon and is represented to be one of the party which does not consider that a break with the United States would affect Germany's success in the war.

These views are understood to have been communicated to President Wilson.

While confidence was expressed in administration circles that Congress

would take no action, no attempt was made to minimize the seriousness of the submarine controversy and one senator in the confidence of the White House was quoted as saying he thought the situation the most serious that had faced the United States since the European war started.

President Wilson was represented as calmly determined to steadfastly maintain the right of Americans to travel on armed merchantmen.

While the president is represented as having come to the conclusion that the submarine negotiations should be settled without more delay, Germany has not replied to the latest request from Washington for a declaration that its previous assurances for the safety of unresisting liners apply to the conduct of the new submarine campaign. Germany has indicated that if the United States insists on the contention that unarmed ships and ships armed only for defensive purposes are in the same class so far as their immunity from attack without warning are concerned, it wants to discuss what properly may be defensive armament in the light of the evidence it claims to have that armed British merchantmen have been attacking its submarines.

COUNCIL

Of the Town of Northview Looks after a Few Items of Public Business There.

Mayor A. L. Mathews, Recorder J. R. Tackington and Councilmen John Coulson, John Selton, D. M. Stull, E. W. Starkey and L. L. Queen attended the regular meeting of the Northview town council this week.

The following bills were allowed:

D. M. Stull	\$30.00
Harvey Queen	25.00
James Toti	12.00
Link Bird	15.56
Charles Molndre	4.00

The mayor was empowered to order one gross of Goss mantels for street lights.

The council decided that the town pay for the \$3,500 bond of J. L. Lambert, town sergeant.

BROWN'S SALE

So Extensively Advertised, Will Be In Tomorrow Morning.

Brown's big sweeping-out sale which has been widely advertised, will begin Friday morning. On another page of this issue of the Telegram, will be found an announcement of the many bargains to be offered at Brown's department store during this sale. Of course, those who come early will secure the best bargains.

GOES TO FRONT.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 24.—Emperor Nicholas who visited the Duma at its opening session yesterday and delivered a brief address to the members has left for the front.

BIG SALE

At the Hamburger Store is on in Earnest Now.

The big clearing-out sale at Hamburger's department store on West Main street began Thursday morning and all day this popular store has been thronged with shoppers who are taking advantage of the opportunity to buy good wearing apparel for men, women and children at greatly reduced prices. The sale will continue Friday, Saturday and Monday.

CLUB MEETS.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Wednesday Three Table Bridge Club was held in the home of Mrs. Maybury Harrison from 3 to 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Auction Bridge was played at three tables and at five o'clock tea and sandwiches were served by the hostess, Mrs. William D. Newlon presiding at the tea table.

MRS. COPLIN ANSWERS CALL OF DEATH ANGEL

Well Known Woman Passes On at Her Home on East Main Street Following Illness.

Mrs. Emma Coplin, aged 84 years, died at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning at her home, 217 East Main street, following a two months' illness. The funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Coplin home. The Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, rector of Christ Episcopal church, will have charge of the services and the burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Coplin was the widow of Col. Erikonell Nathan J. Coplin, whose death occurred July 12, 1914, and who was widely known in this section of the state as a son of a noted family, especially in connection with Indian troubles. Benjamin Coplin, great grandfather of Nathan J., was one of the first of the family to come to West Virginia. He settled near Clarksburg, coming

from Rockingham county, Va. After coming to this county in 1773 or 1774 he assisted in building the first fort in this section known as Nutt's fort. Thus the name of Coplin is interwoven with the earliest history of Harrison county. Mrs. Coplin was a daughter of John Hall, of Elk city, Harbours county, and her first husband resided at the old home place at Grassland until 1873 when he moved to Clarksburg and she had been a resident of the city ever since.

Mrs. Margaret Brannon, widow of the late J. Bland Brannon, a daughter of the deceased woman, is the only surviving relative. Mrs. Coplin is the last member of a family of five children, her father, mother, two sisters and two brothers having preceded her to the Great Beyond. She was a devout member of the Episcopal church and was a good, kind, loving Christian woman. Mrs. Coplin had many friends in this city who will deeply mourn her death.